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ON TRENTON

NEWARK—On May 6th the New Jersey Million Man March Coalition and the Black Ministers Council of New Jersey are calling all African Americans, male, female and youth to gather in Trenton. The theme for the March is "Family, Community, People, United For Progress." "This call is not just to have a March, but it is a summons to African Ministers regardless of gender, age, income, education, urban, suburban, employed, unemployed, students, seniors, etc.," said Larry Hamm, New Jersey Coalition Chairman.

"Many have asked what the march is about, what is it for. What are we uniting for and going to work for? The ultimate goal of the march is to 'lift up a standard for our people' said the Rev. Reginald Jackson, march Chairman. Family breakdown, teenage pregnancy, crime, drugs, violence, school dropout and student performance as well as acceptance of mediocrity all point to a lowering of standards or values from which we must rise. It is imperative that we lift up a standard for our people," he added.

In order to do this there are several things the black community must unite on. "These are the things we will return from Trenton to do and to work on," stated Rev. Jackson. The goals are:

1. Give when/where/when they are single or two parent families where they become closer, function as a unit and break the cycle of short term success, long term pain and social dependency.

2. Develop political power where the interest of African Americans cannot be overlooked or voted against without regard for consequence. To do this we must in-

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NEWARK UNVEIL  
STADIUM/COMPLEX  
PLANS



Mayor Sharpe James gears up for Newark's new stadium.

NEWARK—Citing the need for sound fiscal management, growth development and jobs creation, Mayor Sharpe James and Essex County Executive James Triggler recently held a press conference at One Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, an independent minor league for Major League prospects and former Major Leaguers. The team owner's Newark native and former New York Yankees great, Pico Carone, who said that the ballpark and minor league team has been one of his longtime dreams.

James said, "There is a funding shortfall for the stadium but the project is moving ahead and picking up momentum. The city of Newark has a legacy of great minor league baseball, and I know we will again have an outstanding baseball tradition in the Gateway City. I am looking forward to again hearing the crack of the ball in Newark."

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## WABC FIRES BOB GRANT

Racist talk show host made one too many hatred remarks

by Kelly Howard

NEW YORK—No one plays with the reputation of the mouse, is what Disney conveyed to Bob Grant when they recently fired him over his acid comments about the death of Secretary of Commerce Ross Brown.

Bob Grant's controversial 25-year run on New York radio came to a

screeching halt when WABC, owned by Disney, pulled the plug on his talk show amid criticism from minority and liberal groups.

"We must stop the commercialization of hate," said Rev. Al Sharpton. "And being that Bob Grant was in the No. 1 market, his termination was a major boost in the fight, but not a conclusion of the fight."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sharpton and others planned to protest Grant's remarks outside the station, when they were informed that Grant and WABC agreed to end his show "by mutual agreement," according to a statement. Neither Grant nor WABC would comment further, but there was widespread speculation from both supporters and critics that Grant had been fired.

The firing comes after many calls and comments by minority and liberal groups to the station, because of Grant's comments of what appeared to be wishing Brown dead. According to the Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, a media watchdog group, Grant's remarks in his April 3 broadcast were, "My hunch is that he (Brown) is the age survivor. I just have

that hunch. Maybe it's because, at heart, I'm a pessimist."

The protesters had planned to call on advertisers to stay away from Grant's show or risk facing a boycott of their products, by holding a rally outside of WABC led by Sharpton who said that WABC "took a long overdue step in dismissing Bob Grant."

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## Special guests honored at Gala celebration

NBC News Reporter Ti-Hua Chang, and Joe Piscopo among celebrity honorees



Myrlie Evers-Williams



Joe Piscopo



Ti-Hua Chang

NEWARK—On Thursday evening, May 2, City News and AT&T will, for the first time, honor 100 outstanding New Jersey men and women for their significant contributions to New Jersey's urban communities, their country and the world with the *First Annual City News 100 Most Influential*. The Gala will be held in the Grand Ball Room at the Newark Airport Marriott, with a buffet reception at 6 p.m. and awards ceremony at 8 p.m.

According to Esther Silver-Parker, AT&T vice president of public relations, "The impressive list of individuals and the variety of ways in

which they are working to improve the quality of life in urban New Jersey is truly inspirational. We are delighted to co-sponsor this meaningful event with City News."

This year's Celebrity honorees include:

Whitney Houston, Oscar-nominated, Grammy Award-winning singer/actress, for her generous efforts through the Whitney Houston Foundation for Children—an organization devoted to all aspects of childhood. Education, health, creativity and recreation. By committing funds to a variety of selected programs, the Foundation provides immediate help and encouragement for as many children as possible.



Whitney Houston

Joe Piscopo, star of the Broadway hit *Grease!* for his community service initiative "Jersey Joe's Gym," "—a rec-

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## Image Awards outshines Oscars



Pictured at the recent NAACP Image Awards are from (l-r) Image Awards Chairman Joe Madison, cohost/award winners Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington, NAACP Chairman Myrlie Evers-Williams, NAACP President/CEO Kwame Mfume and actress Lynn Whittfield.

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## Students raising their collective voice

by Lynne D. Johnson

NEWARK—They wanted their voices to be heard, so they called a meeting asking the Governor, Commissioner and Superintendent of Schools to attend. They were 278 Newark student leaders who presented their voices as one.

"Our Voices as One," the '96 Newark Youth Leadership 2000 Town Hall Meeting, took place at the Robert Treat Hotel on April 15. Students called the meeting to address their concerns and the issues that affect them in their communities and schools. Their objectives were to develop recommendations geared toward school reform and to come together as one group to speak in one voice.

"They met their objectives of the day," said Carolyn Whitley, Coordinator of Student Activities, Division of Charter II, Secondary School Services. "I think our kids can fly if we give them wings and some training."

Chosen student leaders—school representatives, student council etc.—had rigorously prepared for the day through training and retreats under the direction of Mr. Hamblin, executive director, Community Based Organization Network Systems and Recruitment Specialist. Training consisted of workshops and skits were enacted by students. It was a day of fun, but the students' activities served a serious

purpose.

"We want to send a message to the Governor. We are people and we do have voices," said one student leader from University High. The Governor was receptive to the message. "You're important to us, Governor Whitman proclaimed. The Newark schools were taken over by state government in the summer of '95, and the governor reminded the students that their education was a priority. Basically, Newark Schools had been failing its students. Their test scores were a clear example. The state takeover and the induction of Dr. Beverly L. Hall as superintendent served to remedy the situation.

"I think people do the Newark students such a disservice, they don't understand the strengths and the potential that exists and I just wanted to showcase them. I knew they would



Newark student addresses the governor, school superintendent and commissioner of education with questions regarding education in the Newark school district.

Photo by Lynne Johnson

be wonderful said Dr. Beverly L. Hall. "I was extremely impressed with the students. The way we can benefit is to take to heart what they said and go back and work on it a little more," said Commissioner Leo Klagholz.

In addition to their questions, the students wanted answers. They

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## BUF calls for unity within the state

EAST ORANGE—Because NJ state legislators failed to pass charity care funding, the state's communities are in a state of health emergency. As leaders who are committed to the health needs of the community, Black United Fund of New Jersey, United Healthcare System, and members of various civic organizations, came together as the voice of those who are negatively impacted by the loss of charity care.

"The impact of the loss of charity care is catastrophic," said Lloyd Oxford, president of the Black United Fund of New Jersey. "There are nearly 60,000 uninsured individuals, many of whom live in the 30 urban centers of New Jersey. By ending charity care, many healthcare jobs will be lost, resulting in more uninsured people."

The coalition committed to health needs are reaching out to legislators and asking that they stop hiding behind partisan politics and be accountable for adequately finding the charity care that hospitals are obligated by law to deliver; ensure the health and vitality of the community through continued quality healthcare services and continued employment

of healthcare workers. They have challenged them to show real concern for the people who are affected by this loss, and who will be affected. They also called upon the public to join them in the effort to provide care to all New Jerseyans by writing or calling their legislators.

Lloyd Oxford, President of the Black United Fund of New Jersey, East Orange, speaks with Andrew Washington, Community Advisory Board member of United Healthcare System after the civic leader press conference to address charity care.

# PEOPLE

## Community Calendar

**MONDAYS**  
PLAINFIELD—Kathy Fry leads a series of light aerobic exercises for senior citizens at the Senior Citizens Center at 305 E. Front St. For more info call 908-753-3506.

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**  
PLAINFIELD—Professionally led limboing and aerobic exercises at the YMCA, in the heated pool at 10:30 a.m. For more info call 908-753-3506.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
BELLE MEAD—A Motherless Daughters Support Group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Carrier Center for Counseling. For more info call 908-281-1599.

**THRU MAY 5**  
PLAINFIELD—Volunteers Registration Drive hosted by the NAACP of Plainfield at the Twin City Supermarket, 7th and Park Avenue.

**THRU AUGUST 4**  
NEW YORK CITY—"Picturing Paradise: Colonial Photography of Samoa, 1875-1925" exhibition investigating the growth of the concept of an island "paradise" through early photographs of Samoa and its people at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-535-7710.

**THRU APRIL 27**  
WATCHUNG—Lisa Pressman's solo art exhibit at Watchung Arts Center's Lower Gallery, 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays. For more info call 908-753-0190.

**THRU MAY 16**  
WAYNE—"Images of Women in Film: A Crosscultural Perspective," will run from 7 to 9 p.m. as a continuing education course at William Paterson College on Thursdays. For info call 201-995-2436.

**THRU MAY 30**  
LINCOLN—On Thursday evenings the Monmouth County Park System will hold a stained glass workshop for adults at the Blinn Stained Glass Studio classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000 ext. 237.

**MONDAYS THRU MAY 15**  
CRANFORD—A Citizenship Preparation course will be offered at Union County College Elizabeth Campus. For info call 908-709-7600.

**TUESDAYS THRU MAY 16**  
PLAINFIELD—A Citizenship Preparation

course will be offered at Union County College Plainfield Campus. For info call 908-709-7600.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**  
NEWARK—Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. will hold its 12th Annual Fund raising auction at the Newark Club. For info call 201-643-5272.

**APRIL 24 THRU MAY 5**  
EAST ORANGE—"Kants: The Fabric that Sparks," an exhibit of over 100 pieces, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at East Orange City Hall. For more info call 201-266-5123.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
PLAINFIELD—Angel house for a new Multi-Skill Care Assistant certificate program will be conducted at Union County College School of Nursing at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

**TRENTON**—Trenton State College presents their 15th annual writer's conference, beginning at 9 a.m. For more info call 609-771-3254.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**  
EAST ORANGE—Division of Senior Citizens sponsors a trip to Woodbury, PA. For more info call 201-266-5226.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
EAST ORANGE—The 4th Annual East Orange Housing Conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Clifford J. Scott High School. For more info call 201-266-5401.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
CRANFORD—Union County College will be the local site for the annual March of Dimes 15-K Walk/Amble, starting at 9 a.m. For more info call 908-709-7513.

**THRU APRIL 27**  
WATCHUNG—Lisa Pressman will have a solo art exhibit at the Watchung Arts Center's Lower Gallery. For more info call 908-753-0190.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30-JUNE 16**  
ATLANTIC CITY—The Grand Casino Resort presents a priceless 50s memorabilia display and giveaway.

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**  
NEWARK—A lecture on Newark and the temperance movement during the 17th century to Prohibition by Stephanie Wood, a history teacher at Montclair State University. For info call 201-483-3939.

## Professor Essien honored as black achiever in science



Professor Francine Essien displays her award for achievement in science.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Francine B. Essien, Ph.D., recognized as one of the "Black Achievers in Science" on display at the Liberty Science Center, was also honored by the American Heart Association, New Jersey Affiliate for her on-going contributions to promoting minority student participation in the sciences.



Orange Mayor Robert L. Brown (r) presents a proclamation to Frank L. Fumal (l), president and CEO of Catholic Healthcare System; and George Popko, senior vice president of finance and administration at Cathedral. The document designated March 20 as "Saint Mary's Life Center Day" in recognition of the newly opened Pope John Paul II Pavilion at Saint Mary's Life Center in Orange, a 190-bed extended care facility that provides state-of-the-art subacute and rehabilitative services and Essex County's only dedicated unit for ventilator-dependent patients.

## City observes 'Daffodil Days'



NEWARK—Newark City Hall was recently deluged in daffodils (the perfect cure for this past winter with its "Blizzard of 1996"), courtesy of the 1996 "Daffodil Days Festival," sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS), Essex County Unit. Marilyn Chapman, "Daffodil Days" Newark coordinator (l), gets a hand distributing flowers from (l-r) Deborah Brannell of the Newark-based Learning Emporium Preschools, Inc., Audrey Swenson of the Newark Engineering Department, Division of Traffic and Signals, and Annette Finley of the Office of Management and Budget—volunteers who participated in the successful fundraising campaign. Along with flower sale collections and donations, the City of Newark raised \$3,743, with the proceeds benefitting cancer research, treatment and other ACS resources. Over 100,000 fresh daffodils were shipped directly to the Newark/Essex County area from the West Coast. The City has participated in the fund raiser for five consecutive years. For details about next year's "Daffodil Days Festival" or other events sponsored by the ACS/Essex Unit, please contact Chapman at 201-733-8004.



## Shirley Marshall to perform at 100 Most Influential Gala

NEWARK—She's Shirley Marshall, one of New Jersey's hottest vocalists and songwriters. She's sexy; she's sassy, and you haven't heard anything until you hear her sing at the first annual 100 Most Influential Awards celebration on May 2, at the Newark Airport Marriott.

She grew up in the South Ward of Newark, and has always had a passionate desire to make music. Shirley's powerful and eloquent performances have spanned the New Jersey/New York area with a variety of groups over the years.

According to Jan M. Edgerton Johnson, Organizer of the 100 Most Influential, "In the tradition of Cissy Houston, Whitney Houston, and all

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# NATION

## National News at a Glance

### NATIONAL MINORITY AIDS COUNCIL SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) wants to call attention to a common mistake by the Chicago City News wire service in their story about the "Long Live Sugar" PCP (the AIDS-related pneumonia) prevention campaign, which was designed by Chicago recently at a press conference. In the story entitled, "AIDS Education," the wire service mistakenly said that the campaign's ads would show Pat LaBelle, the campaign's spokesperson, "...as a person of color living with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus." Instead, the line should have read that the ads would show Pat LaBelle "AND a person of color who is living with human immunodeficiency virus." Said NMAC executive director Paul Kawata, "Many people are under the impression that anyone who is involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS must be HIV positive. It is unfortunate that this kind of discrimination exists. When anyone is working to help raise awareness and educate the public about HIV/AIDS and related conditions they should be commended. It really shouldn't matter what their HIV status is, should it?"—CHICAGO, IL.

### CORE APPEALS TO U.N. FOR AID TO LIBERIA

In related news, CORE National Chairman Roy Innis recently urged United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to place an emergency appeal for immediate U.N. assistance to Liberia. Joined by leaders of the Coalition for Fairness to Africa and Liberians for Peace and Democracy, Innis urged the U.N. to expand its role in Liberia by adding to the ECOMOG. After being advised that Liberia's \$3 billion-plus membership would block the U.N. from becoming more involved, Innis and the delegation called upon the U.S. government to cover the debt. Both Innis and Boutros-Ghali praised Nigeria for its great sacrifice in Liberia.

### FACTS ABOUT BLACKS AND LUNG CANCER

The American Lung Association says that although blacks in America, including Caribbean immigrants, are only 12 percent of the U.S. population, their collective mortality rate is 19.5 percent higher than among whites. Blacks also are 21 percent of all asthma deaths, and were 22 percent more prevalent to contract asthma than whites in 1993, said association officials. The association also said that because 86 percent of blacks live in urban settings, they are more exposed to environmental pollutants that can, in turn, cause lung problems.—WASHINGTON, DC.

### DANNY GLOVER: HOLLYWOOD NOT FAIR TO BLACKS, BUT DON'T BLAME OSCARS

Blacks "are all not just gang-bangers," said actor Danny Glover about Hollywood's depictions of African Americans. But he said it wasn't right to blame the Oscars, the site of this year's protest by the National Rainbow Coalition and others. "It's not the academy," he said. "The academy is made up of writers and directors and technicians—people who don't make decisions. Who gives rights the film?" Glover, the co-star of the "Lethal Weapon" movies, made his remarks recently at Central Washington University.—WASHINGTON, DC.

### BLACKS HARD ON CRIME

From the Editorial section of The Oklahoma Eagle: "A poll by the Family Research Council reveals that despite beliefs to the contrary, African Americans are tough on crime. Blacks favor get-tough policies on crime, including forcing prisoners to work, requiring them to pay restitution and ensuring they are drug-free before release. Presently only nine percent of America's prison population works. Studies show working inmates are less likely to be re-arrested or cause disciplinary problems in prison. Restitution to families for pain, suffering and economic suffering was favored by three out of four blacks polled. Inmates presently continue to use drugs in prison. Blacks questioned want inmates to be drug-free before they are released. While the numbers are lower versus whites, blacks favor the death penalty (53 percent to 61 percent). What does this mean? Why would African Americans favor get-tough policies when blacks would continue to fill the nation's prisons? These same studies say single or divorced African-American females by far favor the get-tough stance. Some suggest it is because they are the most affected and victimized. While current get-tough strategies have failed to curb crime, it is revealing to learn how anxious most African Americans are to do something about it."—WASHINGTON, DC.

## Black mayors to convene in Atlanta

ATLANTA, GA.—Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell has announced that the city will host the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.'s (NCBM) 22nd Annual Convention, April 23-27 at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers.

At his City Hall press conference, Mayor Campbell and the host committee members promised to roll out the "red carpet" for NCBM colleagues in Atlanta this spring. Mayor Campbell stated, "I am looking forward to working with my fellow mayors and finding solutions to problems such as the de-

crease in programs for our at-risk youth, dwindling in-town populations and flagging acceptance of affirmative action policies that face all of our cities, regardless of their size."

There to highlight the agenda for the convention was NCBM President Robert Ingram, Mayor, Opa-locka, FL, who said, "As public servants, we have a charge to put the needs of our constituents at the head of the agenda." Ingram called the year's political issues "sobering," and said, "...we must challenge the notion that

America has done enough to level the playing field."

Observing the theme, "Continuing Our Perspective: Keeping People First," the convention provides the more than 400 African-American member mayors a forum to address the most critical issues facing America's cities and towns. Convention delegates will focus on issues such as economic development and empowerment, youth initiatives, affirmative action, and revolution.

Also attending the press conference was East Point, Georgia Mayor

Patsy Jo Hilliard, one of 89 African-American women mayors nationwide.

The Black Women Mayors Caucus (BWMC) plans to kick off the convention with Spelman College President Dr. Johnetta B. Cole hosting their 8th Annual Leadership Luncheon and Workshop of BWMC at this historic institution for women.

"Continuing Our Perspective: Empowering Women for Leadership" is the theme of this year's program for BWMC. Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Director of the Women's Research and

Resource Center, Professor of English and Women's Studies at Spelman College, and author of *Works of Fire: An Anthology of African-American Feminist Thought*, will serve as key note speaker for the luncheon. The workshop will be held at Spelman's new Camille Hanks Cosby Center, and the luncheon will take place in the atrium of The Manley Center.

The convention is held annually in a city led by a black mayor. Atlanta was selected host city two years ago at the 1994 convention in Washington, DC.

## The mission to Nigeria



Principals of the Nigerian Election Delegation gather after a briefing with Chief S.K. Dagogo-Jack (c) chairman of the National Electoral Commission of Nigeria. Pictured are (l-r) Archbishop George Stallings, Dr. Joan Wallace, Rev. James M. Rogers, Dorothy Leavelle and Rev. Dr. Preston W. Marshall, Jr.

### NCBM names convention honorees

ATLANTA, GA.—The National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. will give accolades to some very special people during the organizations' 22nd Annual Convention in Atlanta. Honorees this year include some of the most celebrated names in arts and entertainment, as well as community activist and elected officials who have had an impact on this nation's towns and cities.

The convention, running from April 23 to 27, at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers, will honor actors Malik Yoba and Ossie Davis, actress and literary figure Maya Angelou; AME Bishop Frank Curtis Cummings; The honorable Athaliah Rame, Miami City Commissioner; and Dr. Albert Emanuel Smith, President of Florida Memorial College.

Other featured guests include Clifton Davis as keynote speaker for the Prayer Breakfast, is best known for his role as the Reverend Gregory on the NBC television series, *Amen*.

### WABC fires Grant

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But it's only the first step in stopping those who seek to profit from radio bigotry."

Grant's history of saying in-your-face things, gathered him few friends and many enemies. Though his weekday show from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. was one of the area's top-rated radio shows, WABC will finally feel relief from the awkward position in which he placed them with New York's movers and shakers.

### Shirley

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the other fabulous vocalists who hail from New Jersey, we are pleased to have Ms. Marshall as our entertainment for an evening that uplifts New Jersey's black and urban communities.

Her soon-to-be-released CD entitled *Once Upon A Time* which includes eight tunes written by this sensational vocalist is evidence that Shirley is destined for stardom.

While working smoothly to the top, Shirley is also singing with the legendary "Shirley's," and has appeared with Peabo Bryson, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, The Manhattan, Neil Sadaka, Kenny G, Phoebe Snow and Dick Clark, just to name a few. She's appeared on national TV shows such as *Regis & Kathy Lee*, *Entertainment*, *The CBS Morning Show*, *Rolanda* and *NBC News* with Al Roker.

Shirley Marshall: she's talented, she's glamorous, she's sexy and she's sassy. And she's appearing at the 100 Most Influential. For ticket information, call 908-754-3400.

## Black publishers meet with under secretary of Defense

WASHINGTON, DC.—Most people understand that the mission of the United States Department of Defense (DOD) is to protect America's national security. However, many are not familiar with the range of activities that support this mission.

Earlier this month, members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association met with the Defense's senior advisor on personnel policies, Edwin Dorn, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Dorn provided an informative overview of ten different ways to look at the Defense Department.

He emphasized the need for continued outreach between DOD and the African-American community and addressed issues of immediate concern to African Americans, including jobs, contracts, and affirmative action.

One of the most senior African-American officials at the Pentagon, Dorn's purview includes some of the

most complex activities in the Defense Department. He advises the Secretary of Defense on policies related to recruiting, training, compensation and quality of life for 3.3 million active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian personnel.

Dorn described his oversight responsibility of the 484 military commissaries and exchanges and 135 defense schools worldwide as "the equivalent of being the CEO of two Fortune 500-sized companies and running the largest school system in the country."

As the Under Secretary, Dorn plays a leading role in the Department's top priorities, including developing new ways to monitor the readiness of military forces, establishing more cost-effective health benefits for military personnel and their family members; finding new ways to use and train the reserve components; expanding assignment options for women in the military; and enhancing equal opportunity programs.

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## Kids Kalendar

**THURSDAY APRIL 28**  
**NEW YORK**—The Greatest Show on Earth, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus will be at Madison Square Garden. For more info call 212-465-MSG1.

**THURSDAY MAY 11**  
**MONMOUTH**—Monmouth County Park System presents "Creative Adventures for Totz," for children 3 1/2 to 5, on Saturday mornings from 9-10:15 a.m. at Tatum Park Activity Center. For more info call 908-842-4000.

**THURSDAY MAY 18**  
**MONMOUTH**—For kids six to eight, Monmouth County Park System has scheduled Performing Arts training at Tatum Park Activity Center, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-842-4000.

**JERSEY CITY**—"Spanish Enrichment for Children," a ten-part Saturday course at JCSJ for children of Hispanic heritage in grades K thru six. For more info call 201-200-3089.

**THURSDAY MAY 31**  
**MONMOUTH**—Beginner Karate classes for kids six to ten, scheduled by Monmouth County Park System, to be held at Sea Bright Recreation Center from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

**APRIL 27 & 28**  
**MILLBURN**—Paper Mill Playhouse and American Family Theater presents "Pippi Longstocking" for kids 5-9, at 11:00 a.m. For more info call 201-376-4343.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
**NEWARK**—Newark Health and Human Services Center presents "Purple Piggy" Show continues at the Queen of Angels Kindergarten. For more info call 201-733-3838.

**UNION**—Kean College of Arts in Wonderland presents "The Wizard of Oz" at 1 and 4 p.m. For more info or tickets call 201-567-3600.

**ENGLISHTOWN**—John Harms Theater presents "The Wizard of Oz" at 1 and 4 p.m. For more info or tickets call 201-567-3600.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29**  
**NEW YORK CITY**—Campbell's Soup is sponsoring a "Soup for a Day" event. For more info call the MSG Box Office at 212-465-6741.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**  
**JERSEY CITY**—New Jersey High Schools compete for scholarship & prizes at 6th annual Pan-Asian Creative Design Challenge, at Liberty Science Center, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more info call 212-536-8455.

**APRIL 30 THRU MAY 2**  
**JERSEY CITY**—JCSJ will offer a Saturday Gifted and Talented Education program for talented youth in grades four through six on consecutive Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. For tuition info call 201-200-3089.

**MAY 4 & 5**  
**MILLBURN**—Paper Mill Playhouse presents a Maximilian Production of "Annie's Bedtime Goose Camping and Other Stories in a Story Salad," for kids 3 to 7, at 11 a.m. For more info call 201-376-4343.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication.

## Register early for Kindergarten this year

**NEWARK**—Dr. Beverly L. Hall, State District Superintendent for the Newark Public Schools, announced that kindergarten and first grade early registration for 1996-97 will be held May 13-24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at neighborhood schools. An information workshop for parents planning to register their children will be held May 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Leagues Headstart, 1020 Broad Street, 4th floor, in Newark.

Children five years old, on or before December 31, 1996, are eligible for kindergarten registration. A child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency are required; current utilities bills are acceptable as proof of residency.

The Newark Division of Community Health, located at 110 William Street, will provide free immunization to children who have not received the required shots from their family physician. Required immunization includes two measles vaccinations, a minimum of four doses of diphtheria and tetanus and pertussis vaccines.

Additionally, the child's records should include information on vaccines for rubella, mumps and the required dose of the oral polio vaccine. For more information on registration and immunization, parents may contact the Newark Board of Education, Office of Early Childhood Education at 733-6234.

## Bringing the environmental message to Newark youth



**NEWARK**—Newark Recycling Program Specialist Brenda Anderson recently used ordinary bottles and cans as props in a very important lesson she recently gave to elementary students from Hawthorne Avenue school: Recycling 101. Anderson and other Newark Office of Recycling staff are making a spring education tour of the city's 54 elementary schools to teach a future generation of Newarkers why recycling is important to their environment and their lives.

## YWCA takes students to black colleges

**PLAINFIELD**—Excitement was in the air at the YWCA of Plainfield/ North Plainfield as 40 high school sophomores and juniors from area schools prepared for the second annual college campus tour April 9-11, sponsored by The Prudential Insurance Company's South Plainfield office and the Prudential Foundation.

According to Linda Gowie, director of professional services, the three-day college tour to three of the country's well-known traditionally black colleges provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of the girls who attended.

The teens were selected based on their interest in going to college, having grades that would allow them to go to college, and having an interest in touring traditionally black colleges. In initial meetings with the students at

the value of education and on the need to prepare for college by setting high standards for grades and doing well on standardized tests.

According to Gowie, the excitement began to build as each girl started to envision herself in a college setting. Some of the girls represented the first generation of college-bound in their families.

The students are recruited from high schools in the YWCA's service area, including Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Fanwood, and other communities in Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties. Initial contact is made with school counselors to identify potential students and to inform them of the program. This year some seniors who made the 1995 tour assisted in the recruitment efforts.

leges selected again for this year's tour were Lincoln University in Lincoln, PA, Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD, and Howard University in Washington, DC. Gowie says the schools represent three diverse settings for the students.

Lincoln is fairly located in a small, almost rural Pennsylvania town. Morgan State, while located in Baltimore, has a sprawling self-contained campus; and Howard University is located in the heart of an urban environment.

This year, unlike last year, the campus was filled with students during the tour, thus adding a dimension of energy and expectation," says G. Dale Lowry, adolescent health program director and one of four chaperones who accompanied the girls on the tour.

## Asbury Park commends youth for positive behavior

by Ron L. Holland

**ASBURY PARK**—Several hundred of Asbury Park children attended a program to highlight many of the positive activities of which they are involved. The program, "Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders" featured a number of activities including dance contests, poetry reading, singing, guest speakers and exhibitions by several of the city's leading drill teams.

Sponsored by the Jersey Shore Addiction Service's (JSAS) drug elimination program, a subsidiary of the Asbury Park Housing Authority, the event was also held to educate children on the importance of staying in school and off of drugs. "We need to spotlight our intelligent and talented youth of Asbury Park," said Sheela Batson, co-director of JSAS. "This is something that is needed by everyone," she said.

Batson, who also directs the city's most popular drill team, The Panthers,

said she wants the children to benefit from these events so they can become positive influences on their peers.

"I understand that there is a lot of peer pressure but if you stand and be a leader maybe you can teach another peer to move positively and not on a negative road," Batson said.

"The most important thing is to get everyone together and let them know that drugs is not the answer," said 13-year-old Theodore Davis. Davis, who won the event's dance contest, said that children should stay off drugs "because it messes up your mind and the kids need a better education and obviously today you need a good job to be somebody."

Deputy Mayor Lawson June said that the event compliments the community and hopes that similar programs would follow. "Emphasis on education is one of the most important things in our lives. Drug elimination must occur so our youth can have a safe and decent life," he said.

## Black Collegian starts career web-site

**NEW ORLEANS**—The Black Collegian, the national career opportunity magazine for black collegians, leaped into cyberspace recently with a Home Page on the Internet and a forum on CompuServe.

According to the national newsletter, Collegiate Trends, The Black Collegian, "...has assembled perhaps one of the leading content-rich sites for students" in terms of current information on career opportunities and self development.

The magazine and its on-line counterpart deliver current, practical, entertaining information on everything from job opportunities, listings and internship opportunities, to graduate study and study abroad.

In addition to the abundance of career planning information, there is

commentary by leading African-American writers, and lifestyle/entertainment news and features. The sites both contain all of the information in the current issue of the magazine, plus archived information from past issues.

By making the information available on the Internet and CompuServe, The Black Collegian will now be able to update information on an ongoing basis. Both the magazine and its electronic sites continue to provide the kinds of information crucial to an effective job search and a smooth transition from college to a successful career.

The Black Collegian Internet Home Page (<http://www.black-collegian.com>) and the forum on CompuServe (go.colven) are available immediately.

## Grants available for composer education

**NEW YORK, N.Y.**—The MetComposers Education Program grants are available to assist primary and secondary schools throughout the mid-Atlantic region to bring composers into the school to write music, conduct workshops and rehearse students

and teachers for musical performances.

Deadlines are May 15. For guidelines for residency planning and application forms contact Meet the Composer, 2112 Broadway, Suite 606, New York, NY 10023, 212-787-3601.

## This Week in Black History

APRIL 24

**1884**—The Medical-Chirurgical Society of Washington, D.C. is founded. It is the first African-American medical society.

**1886**—Augustine Tolson is ordained as a Catholic priest after studying at the College of Propagation of the Faith in Rome for five years.

**1983**—Speaking on race relations and racial equality at Wayne State University, Langston Hughes says, "I am neither Christian, nor Muslim, nor Jew, nor anything that fights poll tax, race discrimination, lynching, injustice and inequality of the masses."



Coretta Scott King

**1944**—In Smith v. Allwright, the Supreme Court rules that a "white primary" law that excludes African Americans from voting is a violation of the 15th Amendment and thus unconstitutional.

**1972**—James M. Reddy, Jr. of Durham, NC is honored in a White House ceremony as National Teacher of the Year. He is the first African-American to receive the honor.

APRIL 25

**1918**—Ella Fitzgerald, jazz vocalist is born in Newport, VA.

**1944**—The United Negro College (UNC) is founded by Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson, then president of Tuskegee Institute.

**1950**—At the NBA's annual players draft, the Boston Celtics select Charles "Chuck" Cooper. He is the first African-American ever drafted by an NBA team.

**1972**—Major General Frederick E. Davidson becomes the first African American to lead an army division.

**1990**—Tenor saxophonist Dexter Gordon dies in Philadelphia, PA.

APRIL 26

**1785**—John James Audubon is born in Le Cayes, Saint-Dominique (later Haiti).

**1886**—William Levi Dawson, lawyer, composer is born in Albany, GA.

**1991**—Maynard Bishop Coffey is named the first woman and the first African-American co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

APRIL 27

**1927**—Coretta Scott King is born Marion.

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**1960**—Togo achieves its independence from France. Sylvanus Olympio serves as its first prime minister.

**1961**—Sierra Leone obtains its independence from Great Britain with Dr. Milton Margai as its prime minister.

**1972**—Artist Charles Alston dies in New York City.

APRIL 29

**1941**—In a famous Jim Crow railroad case brought by Congressman Arthur Mitchell, the Supreme Court rules that separate facilities must be substantially equal.

**1967**—Muhammad Ali refuses induction into the U.S. Army and is stripped of his boxing titles by the World Boxing Association and the New York Athletic Association.

**1983**—Two African-American women, Alice Walker and Gloria Naylor, win prestigious American Book Awards for fiction.

**1991**—Former CORE director and North Carolina judge Floyd McKissick dies in Durham, NC.

**1994**—Ashmun Institute, later Lincoln University, is founded in Oxford, PA.

**1881**—Architect Julian Francis Abele is born in Philadelphia, PA.

**1999**—Jazz composer, piano player, band conductor Edward "Duke" Kennedy Ellington is born in Washington, DC.

**1922**—Parren James Mitchell, the first African American elected to Congress from Maryland is born in Baltimore, MD.

**1948**—Fashion designer Will Smith is born in Philadelphia, PA.

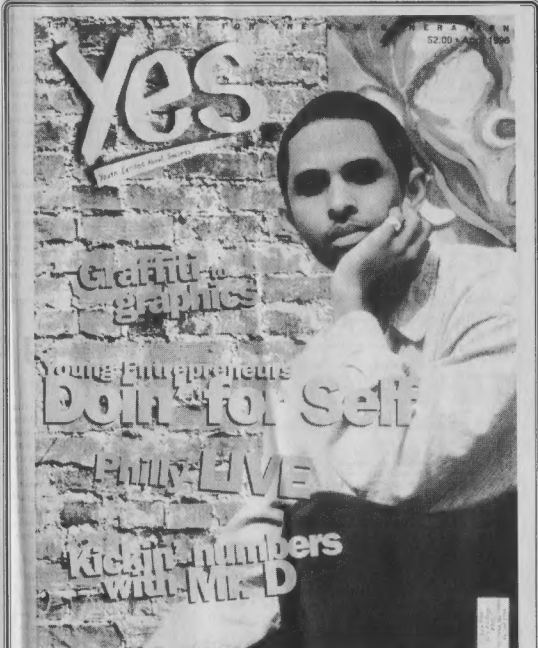
APRIL 30

**1931**—Congressman William Lacy Clay is born in St. Louis, MO.

**1940**—Clergyman Jesse E. Moorland dies in Washington, DC.

**1961**—Basketball star Isiah Thomas is born in Chicago, IL.

**1983**—Robert C. Maynard becomes the first African American to gain a controlling interest in a major metropolitan newspaper when he buys the Oakland Tribune from Gannett.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Billboard

**THRU APRIL 28**  
NEWARK—The African Globe Studio Theatre presents "Othello Reincarnate" at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees at 3:30 p.m. For information call 201-624-1584.

**THRU APRIL 30**  
MAHWAH—Conjure Women will air on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS). For programming info call (201) 529-7423.

IRVINGTON—Cherry's club presents "Rites of Passage," a jazz group every Sunday in April. For info call 201-374-8809.

NEWARK—"Africanus the King," written by Kabu Okai-Davies at the African Globe Studio.

**THRU MAY 2**  
PLAINFIELD—A collection of 18th & 19th century paintings by artists of Great Britain at Swain Galleries. For more info call 908-756-1707.

**THRU MAY 10**  
MILLBURN—Call Me Madam by Irving Berlin starring Leslie Uggams at the PaperMill Playhouse. For info call 201-378-4343.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
NEW YORK—Bring In Da Funk: A Tap! Rap Discourse on the Styling Power of the Beat, created by Savion Glover and George C. Wolfe, opens at the Ambassador Theater at 7:30 p.m. For info call 212-239-8200.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**  
NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform at Carnegie Hall in a Gate event Music For All Seasons. Special narrators include Dudley Moore, Lynn Redgrave, Tony Randall and Ted Koppel. For more info call 1-800-ALLE-GRO.

NEW YORK—Pericles, Prince of Tyre, a play by the Workhouse Theater opens at 8 p.m. For info call 212-431-9220.

**SOUTH AMBOY**—Glen Burtnik, singer, songwriter will perform at 11 p.m. Opening bands will start at 9 p.m. For info call 908-727-3000.

**APRIL 26 & MAY 3**  
HOBOKEN—The Patchwork Theatre Company presents "Nuts" at Hoboken City Hall Court Room at 7 p.m. For more info call 885-1436.

**APRIL 26 THRU 30**  
ATLANTIC CITY—Philadelphia Big Show Beauty and Business Expo presents the Nubian and Latino Beauty Show at the Atlantic City Convention Center. For more info call 1-800-736-0886.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
EDISON—The Middlesex County College Department of Community Education is offering "Lafayette and the Ungrateful Daughter," "Freemasonry," and "Bible Based on Massenet's Opera" from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For more info call 908-906-2556.

WAYNE—"Celebrating Culture in the African Diaspora," a musical extravaganza, will be held at Shea Center at William Paterson College at 7:30 p.m. For info call 201-595-3027.

RAHWAY—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra will perform and all-Beethoven evening at the Union County Arts Center at 8 p.m. For info call 908-499-8226.

WATCHUNG—Jazz vocalist Pam Purvis will do a concert at the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. For info call 908-753-0190.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Rutgers University Brass Choir and faculty soloists, and New Jersey High Schools ensembles will perform at 2 p.m. at Nicholas Music Center. For info call 908-932-7511.

**SOUTH AMBOY**—Guitarist, John Pizzarelli, will perform at 9:00 p.m. at Club Scene. For info call 908-727-3000.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
NEW BRUNSWICK—Samuel Dilorweth-Leslie performs the Slavonic Dances for Piano, Four Hands by Antonin Dvorak at 8 p.m. in the Nicholas Music Center. For info call 908-932-7511.

WAYNE—The William Paterson College Concert Choir presents its annual spring concert at 4 p.m. in the Shea Center at William Paterson College. Admission is free. For info call 201-595-2371.

**MONDAY, APRIL 29**  
WAYNE—The New Jersey New Music Ensemble and the New Jersey Percussion Ensemble will present their final concert for the 95-96 New Music Festival. Starting at 8 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts at William Paterson College. For more info call 201-595-2371.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Crossroads honors Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at New Jersey Theatre Group's 8th annual Applause Awards at the Hyatt Regency. For more info call 908-249-5560.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30**  
NEW YORK—Second Harvest, a food bank network that feeds the hungry, will host a fund raiser under the banner "Food, Fashion and Fun" at Shuzz Italian Bistro in the World Financial Center at 5 p.m. For info call 312-247-7070 ext. 234.

## Discussing art with Ben Jones

**JERSEY CITY**—Ben Jones, resident of Jersey City and a professor of art at Jersey City State College, will deliver the fourth lecture in a series at The Montclair Art Museum on "Creating Art: A Conversation with a Contemporary African-American Artist" on Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m.

Jones will discuss his lifelong involvement in the arts as well as the people, experiences, and places that have shaped his development as a professional artist. The program will also include a slide presentation and retrospective of his work. Admission is free and open to the community.

The main goal of the Museum's Sunday afternoon series is to give young and emerging artists pointers on what they must do to remain focused and disciplined. The series will also address such issues as networking and the ongoing process of evaluating completed works.

In June, Jones will exhibit a collection of his work.



Jones gives a sneak preview of one of his latest works.

in his "Shango Wall Installation Series" at the Gate Gallery in Paris. The installation is an expansive, multi-media work that incorporates painting, sculpture, cut-outs, and art-

facts and is influenced by Santeria, the fusion of the Yoruba religion and Christianity, and Afro-Cuban culture. For further information call the Montclair Art Museum 201-746-5555.

## Woodson Foundation to host Ben Vereen Rhythms of Life Music Festival



Musical group Sweet Honey In The Rock to be featured in the Ben Vereen Musical Festival.

**NEWARK**—The Carter G. Woodson Foundation's ninth annual OnStage In New Jersey performing arts series presents The Ben Vereen

Rhythms of Life Music Festival, "Conversations in Song: On Sacred Ground," featuring Sweet Honey In The Rock, Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. at

Newark Symphony Hall. "Conversations in Song: On Sacred Ground" will be hosted by stage and screen director Oz Scott and is sponsored by WBG088.3FM.

The Woodson Foundation chose Ben Vereen to carry the honor of the musical festival, he has overcome his own personal adversity by rebuilding his physical body after a near-fatal accident, and resumed his career with a renewed sense of faith in a higher power.

Over the years, the Woodson Foundation has nurtured a family-like relationship with Sweet Honey In The Rock presenting them in the Newark area for the past several years.

After a year's absence from Newark, the Grammy award-winning African-American a cappella singing group is back with its deep musical roots in spirituals, hymns, gospel, jazz, blues, folk and hard-core African and Caribbean styles.

For tickets or more information please call the Woodson Foundation Box Office at 201-242-8110.

## Community leaders to be honored at jazz festival

**NEWARK**—The Women of Imani, a Newark-based philanthropic group, will present a jazz reception, entitled, "A Celebration of Faith," in honor of its fourth anniversary, on Friday, April 26, 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Newark Club, One Newark Center, 2nd floor.

Each year the group identifies a family in need and contributes to helping that family. A portion of the proceeds from this year's reception will be donated to that cause.

The jazz reception will include presentations of two Women of Imani Faith Awards to Margate Bush, a community volunteer and member of the Newark NAACP, who is credited with opening the Clinton Hill Community and Early Childhood

Center in place of the Hawthorne Avenue YMCA that was torn down and Dolores Wilson, a school nurse at Chancellor Avenue School Annex who has consistently provided hats, gloves and other clothing items for needy students at her school. Both women were selected because of their belief in and service to their communities.

Entertainment will be provided by Tracy K. Mothershead, of Brooklyn, New York, who has performed at popular New York Jazz Clubs and in the film City Hall.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Ann L. Brown Chestnut at 483-1090 or 451-8888, ext 19. Free Parking, accessible from Mulberry Street, will be available to guests.

## African Globe Theatre Works presents Othello Reincarnate

**NEWARK**—African Globe Theatre Works, an independent Newark-based theatre company and an affiliate member of the New Jersey Theatre Group, is presenting the fourth and final play of its 1996 theatrical season, *Othello Reincarnate*, at the African Globe Studio Theatre.

The concept for *Othello Reincarnate* is a radical adaptation of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy. *Othello Reincarnate* as a Caucasian of Spanish ancestry.

The play deals with the politics

and the psychology of interracial marriage and stylistically staged to combine and contract the elements of Elizabethan and African drama. This classic tale takes a more personalized view of human differences and explores the fate of the characters in a multicultural world and the tragic consequences of their choices.

The plays runs until April 28, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday Matinee 3:30 p.m. General Admission is \$10, \$7 for Students and Senior Citizens.

## Emergency assistance available for artists

**NEW YORK, NY**—The Wheeler Foundation has emergency grants available to assist visual artists of color who are 21 years or older and living in the greater New York City area. New Jersey residents in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Somerset counties are eligible. Grants are awarded based on urgent financial need involving housing, medical costs, fire or flood damage, etc. For more information call the Wheeler Foundation at 212-807-1915.

## The Monotones close out cultural series

**EASTORANGE**—The East Orange Public Library ends their 1995-1996 cultural series, with "The Monotones" in concert on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m.

Also, during the afternoon, the Library will honor Fraternities and Sororities from the metropolitan area for contributions in their respective communities.

## An open letter from Crossroads Theatre...

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I promise you that *THE SCREENED-IN PORCH* will bring you in touch with new truths about real women's lives. If you see it, you will talk about it.

Sincerely,

*Sydney Mahone*  
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The Women's Company at Crossroads Theatre

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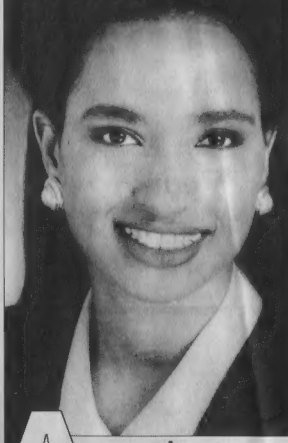
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# BUSINESS

## Business Calendar

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**  
WAYNE—Seminar on Investment and Financial Plans For Women from 7 a.m. at William Paterson College, College Hall room 302. For more info call (201) 955-2965.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**  
CHICAGO, IL—Attorneys for Family-Held Enterprises will be sponsoring a legal education symposium on "Legal Issues of Family Enterprises" at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. For more info call 717-871-9343.

**CRANFORD**—The TWIN Program of Central New Jersey is sponsoring an all day long "Managerial Techniques" workshop at the Coachman from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-756-3836.

**MONDAY, APRIL 29**  
ARLINGTON, VA—"Partnerships" conference sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Treasury to bring government business directly to historically underutilized businesses at the Doubletree Hotel National Airport from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 800-878-5940 ext. 221.

**APRIL 29 THRU MAY 3**  
BOSTON, MA—Successful Business to Business Product Management seminar at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. For more info call 1-800-262-9699. For hotel reservations call the Marriott O'Hare at 312-693-4444.

**CHICAGO, IL**—Successful Business to Business Product Management seminar at the AMA Management Center. For more info call 1-800-262-9699. For hotel reservations call the Marriott O'Hare at 312-693-4444.

**NEW YORK**—The NMBC is sponsoring a one-day marketing research and direct marketing course from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pfizer Conference Center. For more info call Gloria Brooks Stewart at 212-573-2385.

**MAY 1 THRU 3**  
NEW YORK—Managing Superior Customer Service seminar at the AMA headquarters 125 W. 50th St. For more info call 1-800-262-9699.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

## Roosevelt Thomas keynotes workplace diversity conference

by Natalie R. Bullock

ROCHESTER, NY.—"Diversity is not just about gender anymore." That was the message from internationally recognized diversity expert R. Roosevelt Thomas, Jr., D.B.A., keynote speaker at a recent citywide conference on workplace diversity held in Rochester, NY. Dr. Thomas told a capacity audience of more than 800 managers and supervisors that in order to effectively embrace diversity, they must redefine it.

The conference, "DIVERSITY: Weaving a Competitive Advantage," also began redefining corporate America's commitment to diversity. The day-long conference of workshops and panel discussions was the result of a pre-conference setting collaboration of 16 major corporations and community organizations based in Rochester. It was the first time in the nation that an entire business community united to sponsor a conference on this often controversial issue.

Lead sponsor Bausch & Lomb—a global healthcare and optics company—in conjunction with Eastman Kodak Company, Fronti Corporation, Gannett Rochester Newspapers, Xerox Corporation, and 11 other businesses, brought close to a dozen re-

nowned educators and diversity experts from across the country together to promote the expansion and effective management of diverse work forces.

"How well today's companies tap the energy, creativity, skill, teamwork and the commitment of all their employees will be the key determinant of our future business success," said William M. Carpenter, president and chief operating officer of Bausch & Lomb. "This conference is a demonstration of our commitment to creating and sustaining an environment where differences are valued and each individual is enabled to contribute to his or her fullest potential," Carpenter said.

"A major premise has to be that we all have a problem with diversity," Thomas said, noting that even in racially homogeneous work settings, there's still diversity because different people working together automatically provide for diverse environments. So, the issue is, are you going to be prepared to embrace diversity? Not, do we have it?"

Alfreda Brooks, chairperson of the Commission for Promoting Pluralism at the Rochester Institute of Technol-

See WORKPLACE DIVERSITY page 10

## Strategies for developing marketing research

NEW YORK, NY.—Market research, one of the fundamental tools for the success of any business is often times neglected by today's small and minority owned businesses, in their planning and operational strategies. And inevitably, lack of good market research will lead to business failure.

The National Minority Business Council (NMBC) recognizes the absence or ineffectiveness of market research by the small and minority business community and has developed a one-day marketing research and di-

rect marketing course, in association with Andrew M.A. Morrison, president of Nia Direct Inc., a New York based marketing company.

The course will take place on Tuesday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Pfizer Conference Center, 219 E. 42nd Street. The course will cover pricing, the fundamentals of market research, promotion and customer relations.

For additional information, contact Gloria Brooks Stewart, education and training consultant with the NMBC, at 212-573-2385.

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1. Coordination of a county-wide approach to ensure fair housing for residents.
2. Establishment of an intake and screening procedure for discrimination complaints. Services will include assistance and counselling on procedures for filing a complaint, help in completing the complaint form, and review and verification process.
3. Provide general information and assistance on housing problems, and when necessary refer clients to other agencies that are funded and staffed to handle a specific housing problem, including referral to the New Jersey Department of Civil Rights.
4. Education, training and technical assistance to individuals, groups, agencies and/or organizations.
5. Acquire and coordinate assistance of New Jersey Division of Civil Rights, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for verification of discrimination practices and negotiating settlement for fair housing problems.

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| <p><b>NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL AUDIT SERVICES</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of the Township of Berkeley, New Jersey requires the services of a certified Public Accountant or a licensed or registered Public Accountant to perform a "single audit" on the Authority's accounts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1995 to comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984, HUD's Audit Guide (Handbook) For Public Housing Authorities, CMR Circular A-128, the Authority's Contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Notices 95-3 and the New Jersey Localities Fiscal Control Law of the State of New Jersey.</p> <p>The program to be audited include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conventional Low / Rent Public Housing</li> <li>Section 8 New Construction and Section 8 Existing Housing</li> <li>MOU / CIAP</li> </ul> <p>It is recommended that interested parties contact their Director of staff operations for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the financial books and records of this Authority. She can be reached at (908) 269-0312.</p> <p>All proposals must be submitted in triplicate on the prescribed proposal contract form (Proposed agreement for provision of the required services). A copy of which may be obtained from the Housing Authority, telephone (908) 269-0312. Respondent must provide the information required under items 7 and 10 of the proposed agreement and enclose same. We require that the subject audit commence no later than May 15, 1996 and be completed by July 31st, 1996.</p> <p>Respondents must submit with their proposals a statement setting forth their qualifications and experience.</p> <p>The following criteria shall be used in evaluating proposal and selecting an Auditor:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CRITERIA</th> <th>WEIGHT ASSIGNED</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. 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Acceptability of compensation proposed for performance of the required services.</td> <td>40% (assign weight of 0 to 40%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>TOTAL WEIGHT</b> 100% (assign combined weight of 1 and 2 above)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The higher the weight assigned, the more important the proposal.</p> <p>All proposals must be received by the Authority on or before April 30, 1996.</p> <p>Please address the same to:<br/><b>THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY</b><br/>44, Frederick Drive<br/>Berkeley, N.J. 08771</p> <p>The Berkeley Housing Authority retains the right to reject any and all proposals, or to reward a contract to the respondent whose proposal is most advantageous to the Housing Authority, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth above. Respondents will be notified of the Authority's action on this matter by May 7, 1996.</p> <p>MARVIN MCNEELY, PRM<br/>DIRECTOR OF STAFF OPERATIONS<br/>FEE: \$150.00<br/>RFP # 96-P10371</p> | CRITERIA                         | WEIGHT ASSIGNED | 1. Degree to which Respondent's qualifications and experience evidence-minor, substantial required capability and competence needed to perform the required services in a timely and satisfactory manner. | 50% (assign weight of 70 to 100) | 2. Acceptability of compensation proposed for performance of the required services. | 40% (assign weight of 0 to 40%) | <p><b>THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK</b><br/>HAROLD LUCAS<br/>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR<br/>FEE: \$107.80</p> <p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY</b><br/><b>RESOLUTION</b></p> <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey that for its Fiscal Year April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997, the Housing Authority will hold its Regular Meeting on the second Monday of each month, unless the same shall be on a legal holiday, in which case, said meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The public hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners' Conference Room in the Administrative Office, located at 1000123 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that pursuant to the "Open Public Meeting Law" that the public may be present at all Regular Meetings and shall have the opportunity to participate; and,</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey, that the Annual Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park shall be held during the second week of April, notice of the date, time, and place shall be delivered to the Asbury Park Press, the Asbury Park City and County News, at least seven (7) days prior to said meeting; and,</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that the purpose of the Regular Meetings to be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey, shall be to conduct and disseminate a schedule of the Regular Meetings to be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park during the upcoming Fiscal Year; and, (5) for the purpose of providing information to the public regarding the annual organization and reorganization of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that a copy of this resolution shall be disseminated "ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE" be deposited in the bulletin board at the Asbury Park City Hall, Asbury Park, New Jersey, and that a copy of this resolution be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey.</p> | <p>the City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park, and;</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Asbury Park Press, the Asbury Park City and County News, and posted in City Hall, Asbury Park, County Clerk's Office, County of Monmouth.</p> <p><b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that a copy of this resolution and any other notice required by law shall be mailed to any person who requests it and who has paid a fee of \$2.00.</p> <p>I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on April 23, 1996.</p> <p>CLAUDIA A. SWEENEY, SECRETARY<br/>FEE: \$125.40</p> <p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD</b><br/>610 EAST FRONT STREET<br/>PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07060<br/><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL</b><br/>Request for Proposal No. 9609</p> <p>The Housing Authority of Plainfield is seeking proposals from qualified companies that have experience in investigating and developing landfills on innovative ways to deal with criminal and socially undesirable behavior and activities of tenants and providing services to deter and keep trespassers off the property.</p> <p>As this is a Pilot Program, the goal of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to select a qualified company that has diverse experience in dealing with the criminal element that has an adverse effect on the Authority's ability to manage its property. The company is to have the requisite experience in developing and/or advising management personnel on effective strategies in dealing with problems unique to a particular development. It is so the company must develop and implement approaches that will secure the particular area.</p> <p>Interested firms/companies can obtain the "General Scope of Services" for this work from the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 610 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060.</p> <p>Proposals shall be submitted on or before May 10, 1996, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to accept any and all proposals, or to waive any informalities in the proposals.</p> <p>Proposals are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127.</p> <p>Proposals shall be submitted to:<br/>Mr. Fox, Executive Director<br/>Housing Authority of Plainfield<br/>610 East Front Street<br/>Plainfield, New Jersey 07060</p> <p>No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days subsequent to the date of receipt of the proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.</p> <p>FEE: \$63.60</p> | <p><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEFENSIVE CIVIL LITIGATION</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park (APHA) is soliciting proposals from Attorneys and law firms experienced in Defensive Civil Litigation Law to represent its interests with a lawsuit brought against it by the State of New Jersey.</p> <p>The APHA is a public agency organized and operating under the New Jersey State Redevelopment and Housing Law (NJSA 40A:12-1 et seq.). The APHA also has a contractual relationship with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development from whom the APHA receives most of its funding.</p> <p>The APHA owns and operates 562 units of low-income public housing in seven localities throughout the County of Monmouth.</p> <p><b>CLAUDIA SWEENEY</b><br/>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR<br/>FEE: \$40.00</p> | <p><b>THE APHA</b> also operates a housing assistance program which subsidizes the rents of 217 families in privately-owned dwellings throughout the City. The APHA is run by a seven-member Board of Commissioners. The APHA is delegated to an Executive Director. The successful Attorney/firm will be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in strategy sessions with the APHA and the APHA's Attorney.</li> <li>Representation of the APHA at trial.</li> <li>Communication with the APHA and its Attorney.</li> <li>Preparation and review of all legal documents, correspondence, filings with the Court, etc.</li> <li>Providing advice to the APHA until the matter is resolved.</li> </ul> <p>Further information about the substance and background of the lawsuit can be obtained by calling the APHA's Attorney, Mr. James MacDonald at 308-775-4700.</p> <p>Should you or your firm be interested in this assignment, please contact the Executive Director, Claudia Sweeney, at the APHA at 908-774-2560 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or later than May 1, 1996. Please provide the following in your proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your or the firm's resume showing the names, experience and educational backgrounds of the principals and partners.</li> <li>An identification of the staff who will be representing the APHA on this assignment and the experience and educational background of each.</li> <li>A declaration of your or the firm's experience in lawsuits of this nature. Client references should also be cited here.</li> </ol> <p>Further information regarding this request for proposals is needed, please call the Executive Director, Claudia Sweeney, at the APHA at 908-774-2560 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or later than May 1, 1996.</p> <p><b>CLAUDIA SWEENEY</b><br/>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR<br/>FEE: \$127.40</p> | <p><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS</b><br/><b>GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is seeking proposals from attorneys or law firms to serve as the Authority's General Legal Counsel for the period commencing May 1, 1996 and terminating March 31, 1997. Attorneys submitting proposals to the HAP must be interested in practicing law in the State of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from HUD.</p> <p>Parties interested in submitting a proposal in response to the RFP should contact the Executive Director's Office at (908) 774-2560, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays and request a detailed RFP. While the RFP is being reviewed, a detailed RFP will be made available by 10:00 a.m., April 26, 1996 in order to be received by 10:00 a.m., April 26, 1996 in order to be received.</p> <p><b>CLAUDIA SWEENEY</b><br/>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR<br/>FEE: \$40.00</p> | <p><b>IN STATE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT</b><br/>FEE: \$38.00</p> <p><b>INVITATION FOR BIDS</b></p> <p>The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park (APHA) is issuing an invitation for bids for Automobile Liability and Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Insurance to be effective on July 1, 1996 and June 1, 1996 respectively.</p> <p>All bids must be submitted on the bid sheet formats and attached to the specifications and instructions available from the Authority. Bid specifications and the bid forms may be obtained from the Executive Director, 102 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712 or by calling 908-774-2666.</p> <p>Bidders may submit bids for any one or both types of insurance for which bids are sought.</p> <p>Sealed bids must be received at the Authority's office at 100 N. 123rd Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712 no later than 3:00 P.M., April 29, 1996.</p> <p>FEE: \$53.30</p> | <p><b>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS</b></p> <p>The County of Bergen will be bidding construction work for various local projects in the Bergen County Project in the next few months. Prequalifications packages for interested contractors can be obtained from the Department of Public Works, Room 2012, 21 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ. For further information contact Anthony V. Scodipio, County Director at (201) 948-3031.</p> <p>FEE: \$20.00</p> |
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